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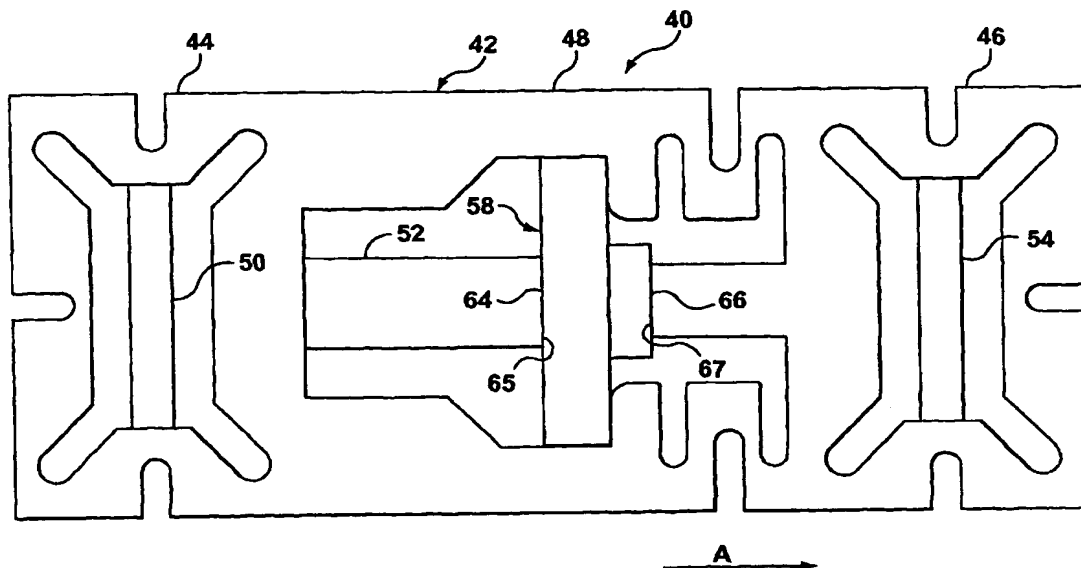
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(57) Abstract: A micro-positioning device adapted for displacement in a direction of travel. The device has a frame (42), an actuator (52) attached to the frame, and a hydraulic booster (58) attached to the frame and operably connected to the actuator. The actuator (52) is adapted for activation and de-activation in sequence with clamping actuators (50, 54) to achieve a displacement in the direction of travel (A). The hydraulic booster is adapted for amplifying or de-amplifying displacement in the direction of travel. The hydraulic booster converts mechanical energy into hydraulic energy and converts hydraulic energy into mechanical energy to modify the displacement.



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